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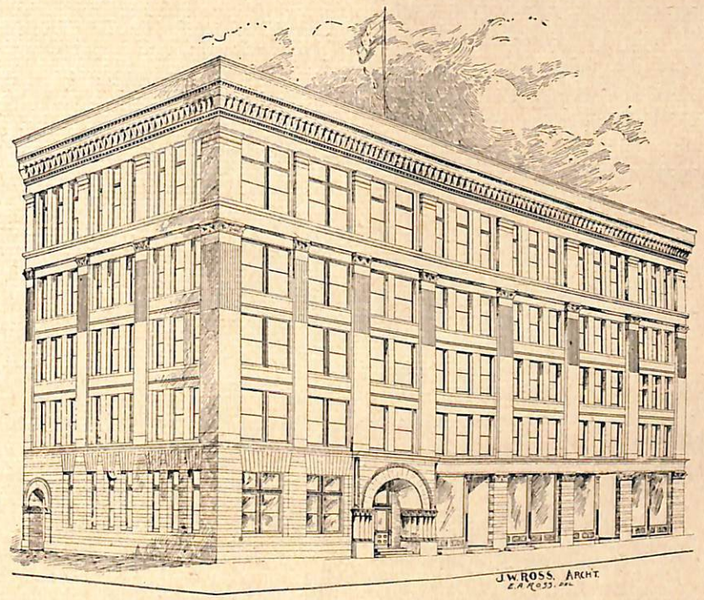

MASONIC TEMPLE, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. (To be completed in this year.)

OUR TEMPLE.

The first formal ceremony in recognition of the fact that this city is to have one of the finest Masonic Temples in the west, was the laying of the corner stone by the Grand Master of Iowa, on St. John's day, June 24th, 1897. Over three hundred men were in line and the escort given by Apollo Commandery and visiting Templars added greatly to the pageantry of the day. Addresses were delivered by Grand Master Dewey, Grand Secretary Parvin, and Grand Chaplain Hackley. The interest of the community in this affair can best be gauged by the fact that the daily papers devoted some sixty columns to a full notice. "The Gazette" gave over fifty columns and numerous illustrations, while the "Republican" and "The Times" had full notices.

The new Temple will, when completed, be an ornament to the city, and at the same time it will provide a home for the various Masonic bodies which they have long needed and well deserved.

OUR DEAD.

WALDO H. SKINNER.

In the course of business correspondance we discovered that Noble Waldo H. Skinner, a member of El-Kahir Temple, passed away April 1, 1897. Once again we would urge upon the Nobles residing near any who belong to us, that they inform us of the fact at once so a proper record can be kept.

SIR C. D. OGDEN.

From Sir Knight, T. J. Gilbert of Perry, Eminent Commander of Gerard Commandery of Knights Templar, we received a copy of the "Woodward Enterprise," in which a notice of the death and funeral services of Charles D. Ogden, held June 6, appeared. He was born May 4th, 1837, and died June 5th, 1897. Rev. C. H. Mattox delivered the sermon from the text, "He is not here; He is risen." The burial was in accord with the rites of Masonry. The pall-bearers were of Knight Templars, of which he was one—the Messrs. Fultz, Breed, Ramsey and Storer of Perry, and Messrs. Parks and Potter of this place. The Blue Lodge of Woodward was represented by Messrs. Kearby and Reed, and Guthrie Post by Comrades Cottrell and Leaming. The several escorts marched to Woodward cemetery, followed by many friends.

NOBLE J. P. FORREST.

The startling and awful news of the death of this noble and brother came to hand just as we were about to go to press —June 30, 1897. The particulars have been given in the daily papers. He was widely and favorably known, and beloved by all who knew him. May the Almighty One comfort his bereaved wife. The funeral services were held Friday, July 2, from the house and were conducted by Apollo Commandery and visiting Templars.

BRO. W. R. ENGLISH.

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. W. R. English, who departed this life on May 29th, 1897, this lodge has lost one of its most faithful and devoted members. He was the oldest living member of this lodge and enjoyed its fellowship 40 years.

He was Tyler of the lodge for 27 years from the 1st day of June, 1870 and as the guardian of access to its door was ever vigilant and loyal. His appreciation of the order and its work and tenets was ever near, always conspicuous and sincere. His nature was gentle and kindly and he was ever cordial and warm hearted.

Throughout his long life he contracted innumerable friendships and entertained no enmities.

We cherish and honor his memory as a Mason and brother who always sought to do his duty in whatever relation.

We deeply sympathize with his surviving relatives who are left to deplore the loss of him who to them was so faithful and good.

JNO. Y. STONE,
H. H. BYERS,
A. J. RUSSELL,
Committee.

THE LODGES.

IOWA RECOGNIZES.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, June 8, 1897.

EDITOR FREE MASON AND FEZ:

Dear Sir and Bro.—It is my pleasure as well as duty to notify you, and through your periodical the Masons who read the same, that the Grand Lodge of Iowa at its recent session, June 1–3, by an almost unanimous vote recognized the *Gran Dieta of Mexico* in the following resolution which I furnish you for publication. I had previously forwarded to you a copy of my Special Report to the Grand Lodge giving my reasons why the *Gran Dieta* should be recognized by the American Grand Lodges, and I trust you received that little monograph:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Iowa hereby recognizes the *Gran Dieta Simbolica* of Mexico as an independent, sovereign Grand Masonic Body, exercising sole jurisdiction over the three degrees of ancient craft Masonery in Mexico, and will exchange fraternal courtesies therewith; and,

Further, That all Masons in Mexico hailing from Lodges or Grand Lodges, not in affiliation with said *Gran Dieta Simbolica*, be denied admission to our Lodges.

A part of our proceedings are already at this time (June 8) in the hands of the printer, and I shall press them forward to completion as soon as possible.

Fraternally Yours,
T. S. PARVIN,
Grand Secretary.

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CEDAR FALLS, IOWA, June 4th, 1897.

To the Masters, Wardens, and Brethern of the ParticularLodges, A. F. and A. M., under the Jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, Greeting:

As the plan of holding schools throughout the state has not been changed by the Grand Lodge, and as the Board of Custodians have deemed it best to continue the same plan as practiced since 1888, viz: By calls or invitations from Lodges desiring the services of the Visiting Custodian, therefore be it understood, that the Visiting Custodian, Geo. B. Van Saun, will hold himself in readiness as in the past nine years to visit Lodges as heretofore. These schools can be held by the particular Lodge, or by Lodges in groups, selecting some central meeting. Lodges expecting to call for the services of said Custodian, during the present Masonic year, will please forward their invitations as early in the season as convenient, by the first of October, giving their preference as to time, also giving number of days wanted. The charge to Lodges visited will be the same as last year, viz: $2.50 and hotel bill for each day's attendance.

Special invitations, as to particular time, when not in line of regular routes, will be charged actual traveling expenses going and returning. Lodges which have never been visited will have preference as to time of visitation. For further information write the undersigned as stated below.

Fraternally Yours,
GEO. B. SAUN,
Sec. Board of Custodians.
Post Office—Cedar Falls, Iowa.

BULLETIN NO. 1.

WASHINGTON, IOWA, June 30, 1897.

Worshipful Master and Brethern:

Your Grand Master sends you greetings:

The Masonic year for 1897–98 opens with flattering prospects. The Grand Lodge just closed has already gone into the history of Masonry for Iowa, as a session at which an unusual amounnt of business was transacted, and all with the most fraternal and harmonious spirit.

To maintain, and continue to develope, the high standing and character of our order, through this grand jurisdiction, is the keen ambition of your Grand Master.

I therefore, earnestly solicit the active co-operation of every Mason in Iowa to aid in accomplishing that end. Please do not feel that the "Making of Masons" is the sole avenue of success to Masonry in your midst, although, "with proper material," this is in no wise to be neglected.

But please do not lose sight of the highest ambitions of Masonry, to cultivate within yourselves fraternal and brotherly feelings, and seek to "build up" from the material you already have, a substantial, and lasting edifice of Masonry among you.

I shall be pleased to aid you with counsel or advice, if occasion requires.

Most Fraternally Yours,
A. R. DEWEY,
Grand Master.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Charters were granted to Alee Temple at Savannah, Ga., and Beni Kedem Temple at Charleston, W. Va.

We are in receipt of a copy of the address of the Imperial Potentate to the Imperial Council for 1897. It is an able and extensive document.

Illustrious Recorder Ellison, of Mecca Temple anticipates all others so far as we know in presenting the new form of certificate. Saram your place is up head.

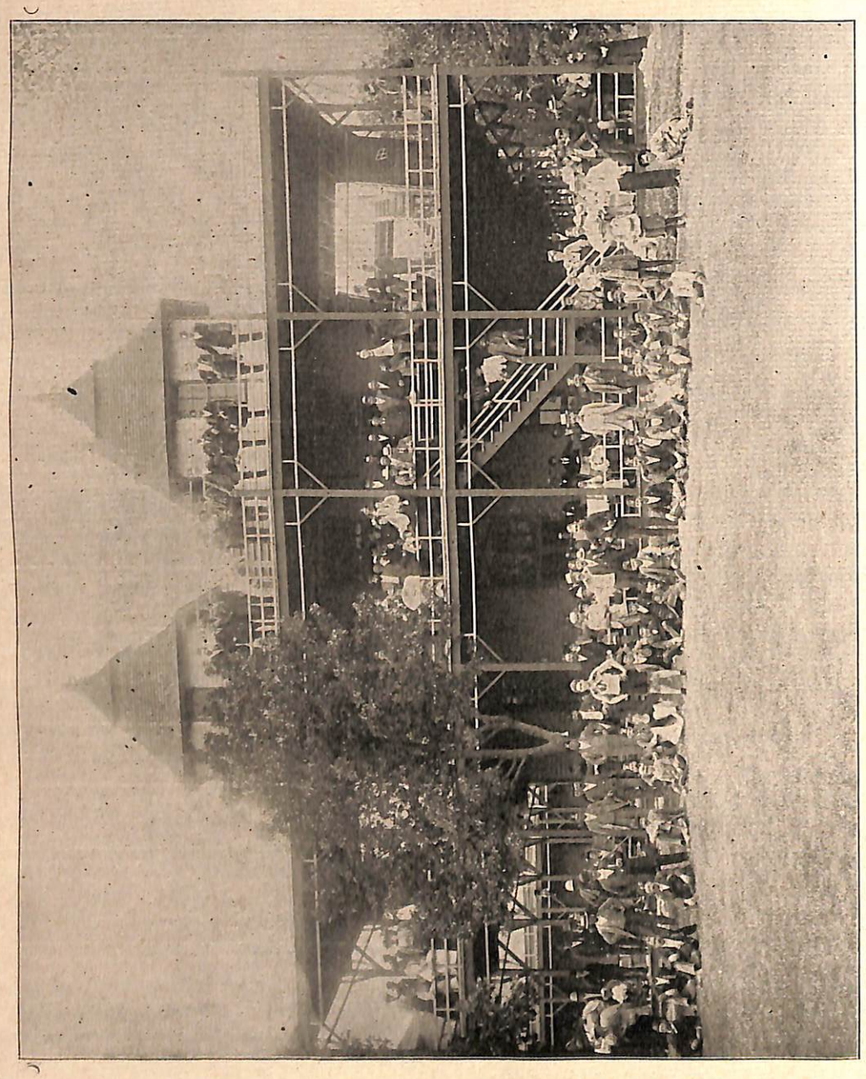
Dispensations were granted to petitioners for a new Temple called Melha Temple to be located at Springfield, Mass., and to petitioners for a new Temple to be called Antioce Temple, to be located at Dayton, Ohio.

Tangier, Omaha, had a meeting June 25th at which the Imperial Representative rendered a report of his conduct at the Imperial Council. Noble Akin was elected Imperial Oriental Guide at the last Council.

It is a great pity that no arrangements have been made for a return game of base ball between El-Riad and El-Kahir Temple nines at Spirit Lake this month. We ought to have had it even if we had to pay our own expenses.

Zuhrah, of Minneapolis, takes the prize for "Fire cracker" form of notice for its July 6th meeting. Noble Meyers says the meeting is to be in Egyptian Hall, eighth floor. A cool room, a hot show. It will be the last till September.

Moolah, through its efficient Recorder Noble A. Moore Berry, presents a Roster of its membership in cool muslin covers and it is therein announced that its present memberfhip is 657. Moolah is all right. A basket picnic on a steamboat is among the coming events in this temple.



WEST END OF HOTEL ORLEANS.

The Charter of Salaam Temple, located at Olney, Ill., was declared suspended until the 24th Annual Session of this Imperial Council, to be held in Dallas, Tex., on June 14 and 15, 1898, and said Temple and its members are suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Order until otherwise ordered.

The per capita diploma tax is raised from $2.00 to $2.50 each and the annual dues from the Temples to the Imperial Council are raised from 10 cents to 15, the reading will show the slight difference in the provisions:

"For one hundred members or less $15; all members over and above one hundred members, 15 cents each member. The dues shall accompany the annual return of every Temple to the Imperial Council."—Official Circular.

The law of the Imperial Council is mandatory in regard to the wording of the new form of certificates to be issued by the local temples, and reads as follows:

".....Temple, A. A. O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of..... This is to certify that Noble..... is a member of.....Temple and declared to be in good and regular standing during the year 189... Dated the..... day of.....189...

[Seal.] Recorder.....

.....

Signature of Member.

"Each Temple may issue the certificate in such shape as they may desire, so long as the wording is strictly adhered to."—Imperial Irade.

THAT WON'T DO.

In our last issue we noted the banishment of wines or liquors from their banquets by Moslem Temple, of Detroit. Now comes Brother Geiger, editor of the FREE MASON AND FEZ, claiming Zurah Temple, Minneapolis, was the first on the "dry side," Kaaba Temple a good second, and El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, since 1895 in practice *with one exception.* That's all very well, Brother Geiger, but that one exception. It reminds us of the "pretty good egg," but who in the deuce wants that kind?—*The Constellation.*

Now Bro. Rickart shame on you for flying into italics over the "one exception" in our notice of the banishment of wines and liquors by El-Kahir—and others.—We meant that only at *one meeting* since 1895 had wine been served at a banquet or any such refreshments allowed. Now if that won't satisfy you we'll make you come up and smell the "empties."

HE WHIRLS HIS CIMETER.

Upton, of Washington, Grand Correspondent of that jurisdiction, has this to say about the shrine in answer to certain criticisms as to the display of the crescent and cimeter:

" * * * If we cannot speak for the Knights we can—thanks be to Allah—for the Shriners! For—blessed be the Prophet—our weary feet have trodden the burning sands on the way to Mecca. We have climbed the lofty heights and appreciated the surprising descents which lie before the faithful. We have learned how necessary it is—more important than creeds and dogmas—to hold on to the rope. And we can relieve part of your anxiety by disclosing the fact that the shrine does not pretend to be a "Masonic body" and teaches nothing inconsistent with the supreme importance of the lodge.

And now dear brother, having laid bare the sacred "mystery" may we ask a few questions? Is there any reason why a man who "recognizes" the Saints John should not recognize" Mohammed or John Calvin or General Jackson? Where did you get the evil idea that we parade the crescent and cimeter "as evidence of Masonry?" If you would not "exalt" the symbol of our Holy Prophet "above the cross," or, Anglice, wear a Shrine pin in your top buttonhole and your Templar badge over your stomach, would you place the square and compass on top of the Koran—we should say Bible? What earthly place has a question of Templar ethics in a Grand Lodge report? And, finally, with our hand not on our cimeter, but on "ye boke of Constiutions, "we ask: By what warrant in a report professing to deal with the principles of Freemasonry do you venture to brand the religion professed by thousands of Freemasons as "the worst form of paganism that ever cursed the world," and hold our Prophet up to execration?—*Kansas Free Mason.*

We have a new Blickensderfer typewriter No. 5, for sale at a bargain. Address the editor, Marion. tf

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Council Bluffs, June 7, 1898.

A. R. DEWEY, ...Washington.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Lincoln, June 16, 1897.

HENRY H. WILSON....Lincoln.....GRAND MASTER
Wm. R. Bowen.....Omaha.....Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 8, 1897.

JAMES LEWIS.....Canton.....GRAND MASTER
Geo. A. Pettigrew.....Flandreau.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1897.
Iowa, Spirit Lake, July 22, 1897.

MAX. BEEHLER....Manchester..GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Omaha, Dec. 17, 1897.

.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
George J. Spohn.....Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Mitchell, Juue 10, 1897.

GEO. V. AYERS.....Deadwood..GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Geo. A. Pettigrew.....Flandreau.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 12, 1897.

T. R. ERCANBRACK...Anamosa..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorde7

Nebraska, Lincoln, April 29, 1897.

.....GRAND COMMANDER
Wm. R. Bowen.....Omaha.....Grand Recorder

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 11, 1897.

J. J. CASSELMAN.....Huron..GRAND COMMANDER
Geo. A. Pettigrew.....Flandreau.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.,) 1898.
Iowa, Ottumwa, Oct. 27, 1897.

MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH..Newton..GRAND MATRON
John Westley Geiger....Marion.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

Nebraska, Omaha, June 22, 1897.

MRS. HELEN H. STIRES..Columbus..GRAND MATRON
Rev. A. G. Pinkham....Grand Island.....Grand Patron
Dr. Eleanor Dailey.....Omaha.....Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Sioux Falls, May 25, 1897.

MRS. W. H. RODDLE..Brookings.....GRAND MATRON
M. G. Carlisle.....De Smet.....Grand Patron
Mrs. A. M. McCallister..Madison.....Grand Secretary

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Dallas, Texas, June 14, 1898.
El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

AUSTIN D. BROWN....Manchester.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa.

GEO. F. WHITE.....Davenport.....POTENTATE
C. J. Brown.....Davenport.....Recorder

Tangier Temple, Omaha, Nebraska.

H. HARDY.....Omaha.....POTENTATE
Louis E. Wettling.....Box 523, Omaha.....Recorder

Sesostris Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska.

DEF. E GREEN.....Lincoln.....POTENTATE
Jno. A. Ames.....(Box 1440) Lincoln.....Recorder

El Riad Temple, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A. B. KITTEREDGE.. Sioux Falls.....POTENTATE
Eugene Saenger.....Sioux Falls.....Recorder

EDITORIAL NOTES

Will those Grand Officers representing bodies in our directory above please send us corrections.

Thanks are extended to the many friends who have written us personally within the last thirty days.

The Masons of Iowa owe the Cedar Rapids Gazette of June 24, 1897, a vote of thanks for the splendid 8 page illustrated supplement giving full particulars of the corner stone laying.

By the way, Bro. Morcombe of the staff of the above journal says they will publish a souvenir edition of the supplement before long and if so it will be of great value.

There are just twenty-three thousand five hundred brother Masons in Iowa, who do not take this journal. If they did we could double its size and charge only fifty cents a year for it.

Brother Winfield Scott Otto contributed an able and consistent article on Masonry to the daily Republican of this city for which he deserves high praise. His paper gave a full report of the ceremonies of St. John's day.

TO EACH READER.

We badly need a larger circulation than we now have. Will not you help us? How? Get us one subscriber at least AT HALF RATES and send the amount (stamps 1's and 2's received) at once. Renewals that overrun will be credited beyond the delinquency at half rates.

THE CEDAR RAPIDS ROUTE.

Our readers should never forget that as summer comes around that the great lake region of Iowa is easily accessible by way of this route. We have this month secured a number of views showing various points of interest and with the magnificent train service over the B., C. R. & N. Railway, the trip is a luxury. The visitor can choose between the elegant quarters at the Hotel Orleans (terms are reasonable) the many cottages or a tent. Of course the Templars and Royal Arch Masons will all flock to Templar Point where we have a home of our own and that superior to anything of the kind in the country. It would be well for intending travelers to Spirit Lake to write to the General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Sir James Morton, from whom full information will be forwarded on request.

COMMANDERIES.

34TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 3.

APARTMENTS OF GRAND COMMANDER,
ANAMOSA, June 15th, 1897.

To the E. C's., G's., C. G's. and Sir Knights of Iowa:

The thirty-fourth (34th) annual session of the Grand Commandery of Iowa will be held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, July 13th, 1897, and continue four days.

The apartment building, containing ninety-six sleeping rooms, is in charge of Sir Knight J. H. Pettibone, G. C. G., of Burlington, Iowa, to whom all applications for quarters, price enclosed, should be addressed.

A charge of two dollars is made for each room during the week of the Grand Commandery session (Festal Week); no charge is made for rooms either before or after Festal Week.

As quite a number of the rooms have already been assigned, it is advisable to make early application, because a large attendance is anticipated and those who apply first will be the first served. The rooms which have been assigned will not be held for persons beyond the arrival of trains on Tuesday evening; they will then be re-assigned to whoever may apply for them.

Those occupying rooms in the apartment building must provide themselves as heretofore, with blankets, sheets, pillows, towels, soap, wash bowls and other like conveniences. The rooms are furnished with two spring cots, two chairs, a stand and clothes hooks, nothing more.

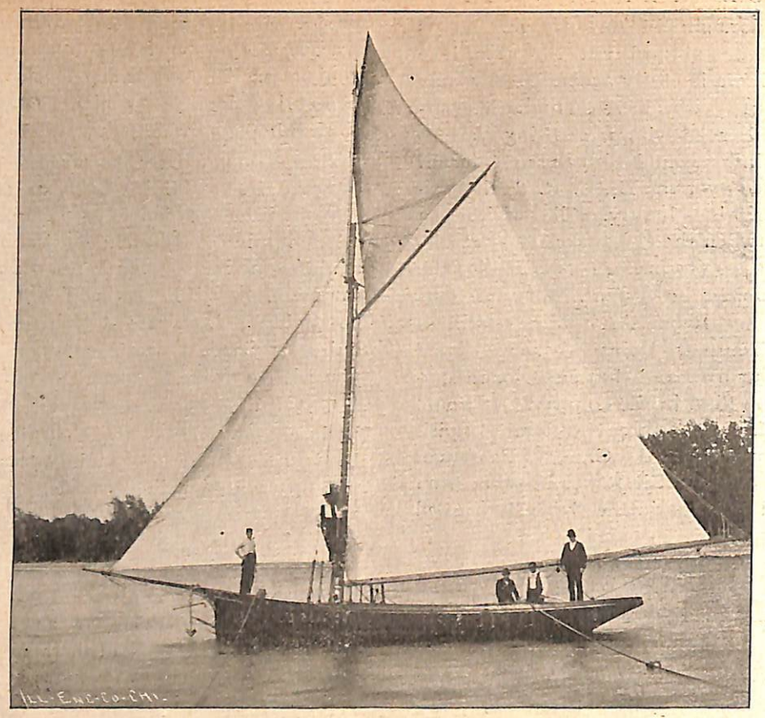
Arrangements have been renewed with Sargent Bros., of Spirit Lake, to transport persons from the depots to Templar Park at twenty-five cents each; also the baggage at the same reasonable rates. The same rates will prevail in leaving Templar Park. In alighting from cars at Spirit Lake, enquire for Sargent Bros'. conveyance, and you will be properly taken care of.

The dining room at Templar Park will be in charge of H. Lee. The price for table board will be the same as last year, viz: fifty cents for single meals, one dollar and a quarter per day where persons remain four days, and seven dollars per week. The dining room will be run for a time previous to and after the session. Mr. Abell, manager of Hotel Orleans has made a rate to Sir Knights and their families of two dollars per day, two persons in a room, or two dollars and fifty cents per day, one person in a room; children at one-half these rates.

The steamer, "Queen" will make regular trips on the lake, stopping at Templar Park, and in addition an electric launch will make half-hour trips between Templar Park and Hotel Orleans. A weekly ticket good for passage between Templar Park and Hotel Orleans, will be sold at one dollar, good on either boat, and can be obtained at hotel office. The Scenic City Band of Iowa Falls, Iowa, has been engaged and will discourse sweet music during Festal Week.

A rate of one and one-third fare has been made from all points in Iowa by the railroads of the Western Passenger Association. The tickets will be sold on the certificate plan. In purchasing going ticket, full fare will be paid; ask for a certificate from the ticket agent, on which certificate a return rate of one-third fare will be made. Persons traveling over two or more roads to reach Spirit Lake, will purchase tickets at junction points, and should obtain a certificate for each ticket bought on the going trip.

This rate will be in force from July 9th to 23d, inclusive, and good returning for three days after the close of the session.



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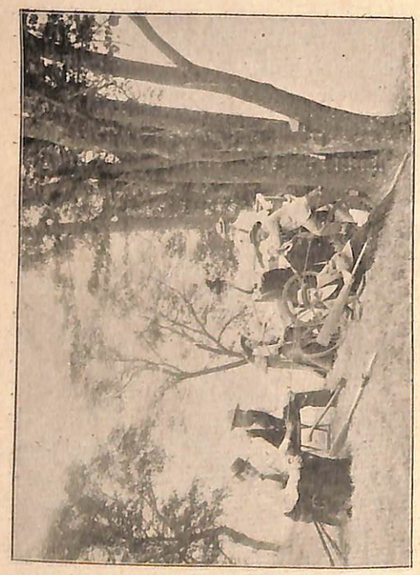

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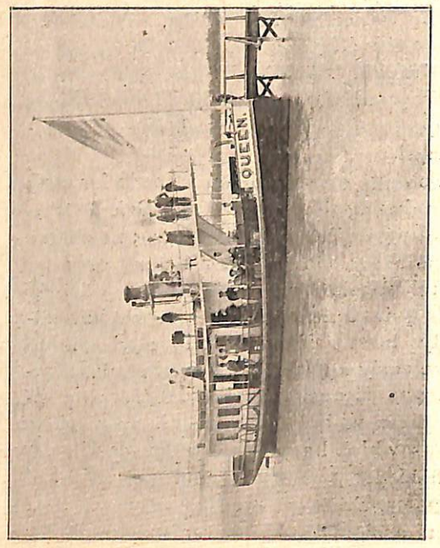

STEAMER "QUEEN."

The Iowa roads making the above rate are as follows:

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The following is the program (subject to the necessary changes) which has been prepared for Festal Week.

SUNDAY, JULY 11TH.

Afternoon—3 o'clock, devotional service conducted by Rev, J. W. Geiger, E. G. Prelate, assisted by Grace Church choir.

MONDAY, JULY 12TH.

General preparation day.

TUESDAY, JULY 13TH.

Morning—9 o'clock, drill; 10 o'clock, opening of the Grand Commandery.

Afternoon—General recreation and band concert; 3 o'clock, ladies organization to be effected in asylum; 7 o'clock, dress parade; 8:30 o'clock, Grand Officers reception; 10:50 o'clock, fireworks.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14TH.

Morning—9 o'clock, drill; 10 o'clock, session of the Grand Commandery.

Afternoon—General recreation and band concert; 7 o'clock, dress parade; 8:30 o'clock, complimentary hop at Hotel Orleans.

THURSDAY, JULY 15TH.

Morning—9 o'clock, drill; 10 o'clock, session of the Grand Commandery.

Afternoon—General recreation and band concert; 7 o'clock—dress parade; 8:30 o'clock, ladies' social; 10:30 o'clock, fire works.

FRIDAY, JULY 16TH.

Morning—9 o'clock, drill, 10 o'clock, Public installation of Officers and final session of the Grand Commandery.

Afternoon—General recreation and band concert; 7 o'clock, dress parade; 8:30 o'clock, general social.

The drill provided for in the program will be under the command of Sir J. H. Pettibone, G. C. G.

The fireworks will be under the management of Sir E. Olin Soule, P. G. C.

Sir Knights desiring any further information will address Sir J. H. Pettibone, G. C. G., Burlington Iowa, or Sir Alf. Wingate, Gr. Rec., Des Moines, Iowa.

T. R. ERCANBRACK, Grand Com.
Attest: ALF. WINGATE, Grand Recorder.

Gerard Commandery, Perry, observed Ascension Day in their Asylum. A cross of flowers was placed upon the grave of each departed Sir Knight.

St. Bernard Commandery, Chicago, held their annual inspection, under Eminent Sir Charles P. Kane, June 2, 1897. A splendid collation followed.

St. Omer Commandery, No. 45, Burlington, observed Ascension day with an address by Prelate Rev. G. B. Swartz. A halt for rest and refreshment was made at the tent of Eminent Sir John Seerly.

Patmos Commandery, Marion, is still conferring the order of the Temple, holding two conclaves each week, so as to complete the work before the summer vacation. E. C. Dr. Booth is doing his work in fine form.

Apollo Commandery, Cedar Rapids, observed Ascension day as usual. This year they attended services in the Congregational church and Rev. Sir Dr. Berry preached the sermon. The usual decoration of graves followed.

A report of the Easter observance by Holy Cross Commandery, Clinton, sent us by Sir F. E. Bachelder, Recorder, was overlooked when our May number was made up, Rev. Sir Henry H. Morrill of St. John's P. E. Church delivered the address.

We have the promise of Rev. Dr. Green, Rector of Grace Church, Cedar Rapids, to assist in the services at Templar Park, July 11, by bringing his splendid choir—camping at the Orleans. The service for evening prayer will be used. A collection will be taken for expenses.

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

Oriental Consistory of Chicago has been invited to participate in the ceremonies of unveiling a monument erected in honor of General John A. Logan. The event occurs July 22. This Consistory conducts work on a "summer class" during July and August on Thursday evenings.

Iowa Consistory No. 2 of this Rite is honored with mention as having a part in the New Masonic Temple in this city. With its completion, a revival in the various bodies in this valley may be looked for.

THE EASTERN STAR.

On May 24th, Davenport Chapter, 178, O. E. S., invited Moline, Rock Island and Milan Chapters of Illlinois to visit them in honor of the initiation of Rev. and Mrs. Luce, W. T. Fiddler and C. W. Lasher. There were over one hundred and fifty present. A banquet was served when Davenport was complimented on the beauty of the work and the evening passed with speeches by the visiting members and a beautiful poem was recited by sister Kinyan, W. M. of Rock Island Chapter. Our Our new sister and brothers Rev. Luce and wife and W. F. Fidlar responded to their names in a manner to thrill the chapter with pleasure at the thought that they belong to Davenport 178. Toast master W. L. Chamberlin kept things moving in a lively manner. This makes sixteen new members initiated this year, with four more petitions in for next meeting, and several others promised for September.

MARGARET HENDER, W. M.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

From Bro. Gil W. Barnard comes the usual number of favors. Our types made his name read "George" last month.

From Bro. Bun F. Price, of Memphis, Tennessee, we receive the full report of the distribution of the flood sufferers fund. It is full and concise.

From Grand Recorder, Sir W. H. Mayo, we are in receipt of the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Missouri—held April 20, 1897.

From the committee on arrangements, comes a beautiful souvenir invitation and program of the ceremonies for the laying of the corner stone of our new Temple.

From Sir John A. Gerow, Grand Recorder, we receive the handsome redline edition of the Official Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Michigan for 1897, held at Detroit May 18 and 19.

A summer breeziness and wild western thrill of adventures pervade the stories in the July Midland Monthly, (Des Moines.) "Grant's Life," by Judge Emerson, this month, developes six new views taken for the Midland, at old Ft. Vancouver, on the Columbia. Miss Scott concludes her "Across County in a Van," with a well illustrated sketch of the City of Mexico. Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee school is freely pictured. The Midland's July prize paper, by Prof. Carothers of Galena, describes and illustrates the discoveries of a party of Scientists in the caves of the prehistoric cliff-dwellers of Arizona. Mrs. J. S. Clarkson, wife of Gen. Clarkson, contributes an able paper on Iowa politics, recently read before the Society for Political Study, of New York City. A beautiful picture of Mrs. Clarkson adorns the frontispiece. Numerous other interesting features are included in this number.

GENERAL MASONIC.

Louisville, Kentucky, is after the Grand Encampment in 1901.

The net increase in all the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States is too small, as compared with the good that Masonry is claimed to do for mankind.

We know a man and a Mason who applied for affiliation, and was rejected; he is a gentlemen of the highest standing in his community. He was shut out years ago. He is still out, while the black-ball fiend is suffered to go marching on. This is a Linn County case, and not a romance.

The Eastern Star is not acknowledged by the Grand Lodges of North Carolina or Tennessee.—*Appeal.*

We do not know that the Grand Lodge of Iowa acknowledges the order—but it does not go to the length of folly, to intradicting its holding its meetings in lodge-rooms as some Grand Jurisdictions do.

The views of one of Iowa's Grand Masters, A. W. Ball, (1896-7) on Masonic Charity have attracted wide-spread attention and some discussion.

"The Sprig of Acacia," Vol. 1, No. 12, reaches our table. It is a Masonic Journal published semi-monthly by H. W. Belding, St. Louis, Mo. Price 50 cents a year, three column, four pages, and a bright little sheet.

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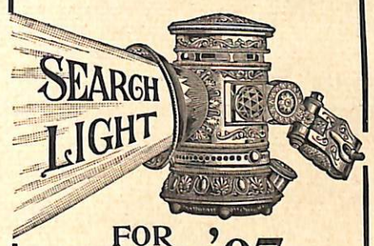

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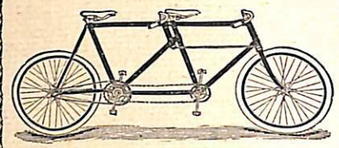

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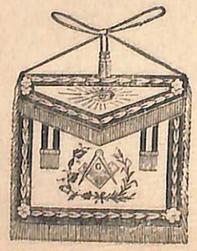

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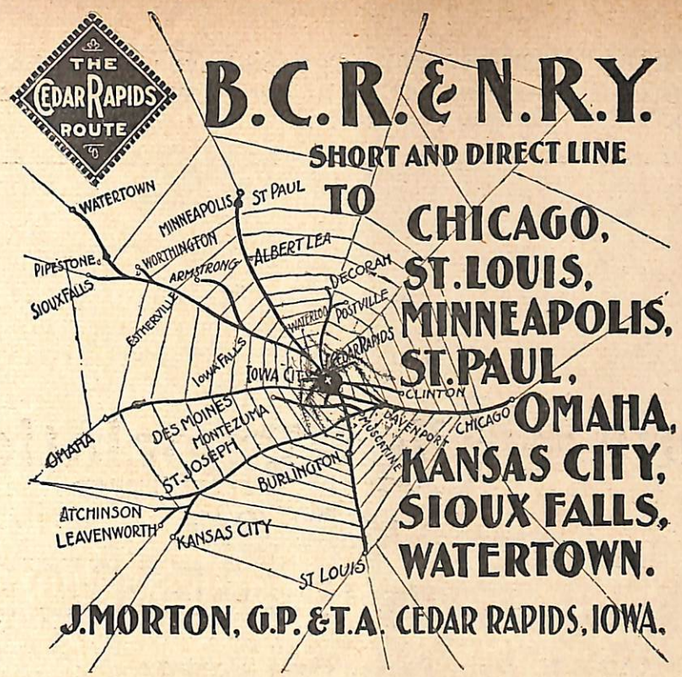

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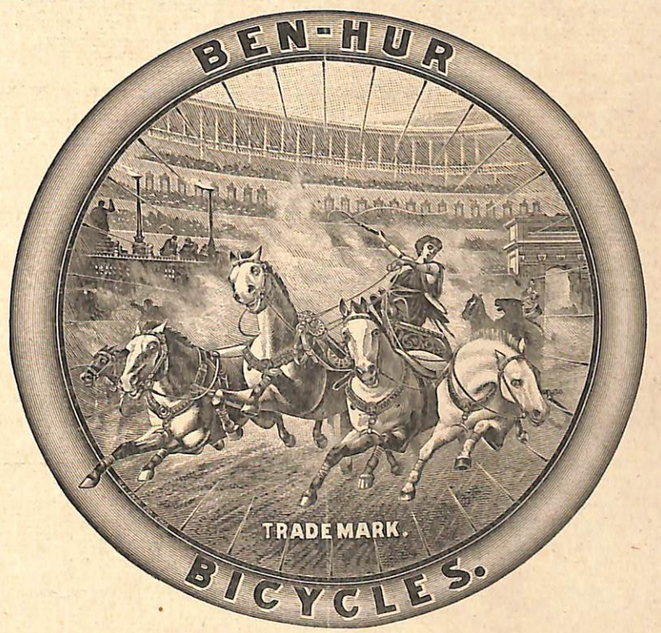

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